

**Setting up Project Management Unit
(PMU) for the implementation of the
World Bank-supported STARS project**

Government of Maharashtra

School Education and Sports Department

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Introduction:

The Government of Maharashtra vide its GR referred to above has granted approval to the implementation of the centrally sponsored World Bank-supported STARS (Strengthening Teaching- Learning and Results for States) project for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25. The total amount approved for this project is Rs. 976.39 Crore, which will be funded in the ratio of 60:40 by the Center and State respectively. The 5 main components of this project are –

1. Strengthening Early Childhood Education & Foundational Learning
2. Improving Learning Assessment Systems
3. Strengthening Classroom Instruction and Remediation through Teacher Development and School Leadership
4. Governance and Decentralized Management for Improved Service Delivery
5. School to work/ higher education transition

The central government has instructed the state to set up a PMU so that planning and implementation can start immediately. The state is expected to submit various documents and reports such as a checklist provided by World Bank, Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B), proposals for funding, data regarding various components such as training under ECE, assessments, teachers' training, and so on. This requires timely coordination as well as drafting of proposals and submission of reports.

Many organizations have shown their willingness to support the state government in setting up the PMU from their own resources without creating financial burden for the state. The state government has decided to set up a PMU with the support of willing and competent NGOs and non -state partners.

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A PMU is hereby set up to support the state government in the planning and implementation of the STARS project. The PMU will consist of the following Officers / Organizations –

1	SPD , Samagra Shiksha, MPSP, Mumbai	Chairperson
2	Director, SCERT, Maharashtra, Pune	Member Secretary
3	Deputy Secretary, School Education and Sports Department (SD)	Member
4	Education Specialist, UNICEF, Mumbai	Member
5	EK Step Foundation, Bangalore	Member
6	Leadership for Equity, Pune	Member
7	Pratham, Mumbai	Member
8	Two members nominated by Director, SCERT, Maharashtra, Pune	Member
9	E-governance consultant appointed by the department – Coordinator	Member

SPD, Samgra Shiksha will work as head of the unit and Director, SCERT will be the member secretary of the unit.

Each of the above agencies are directed to nominate a specific person as their representative for the PMU and communicate his/her name to this department and SPD, Samagra Shiksha, MPSP, Mumbai. SPD, Samagra Shiksha is hereby directed to enter into one to one non-financial MoUs with the above non state actors.

The PMU will report to and work under the overall supervision of Additional Chief Secretary, School Education and Sports Department, Government of Maharashtra.

The PMU will be currently located in the MPSP office, Charni Road Mumbai. However it can work through video-conferencing also.

The PMU will be responsible for the following immediate and long term tasks:-

1. Preparation of AWP&B and proposals under the five main components including the iSTAR Multi Donor Trust Fund, under the guidance of ACS, School Education
2. Preparation of various documents such as providing state feedback on the State Incentive Grant manual etc. to the Central government
3. Compiling data and sending timely reports, tracking progress of project as per SIG manual & DLIs

4. Assist the department in preparing implementation plan with timeline for every project covered under STARS.
5. Assist the department to develop online dashboard for monitoring & tracking progress
6. Drafting of Expression of Interest and conduct evaluation of responses received.
7. Preparing presentations, documentation, reports etc.

PMU will prepare a proposal as per Guidelines under STARS and will submit the proposal to the state Government. The state Government will scrutinize the proposal and forward the same to Government of India with its recommendations.

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By the order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Rajendra Pawar)

Deputy Secretary, Government of Maharashtra

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